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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF UN CHARTER TO WEST BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 5407; B) BONN 5304; C) STATE 63527;

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1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT TACTICALLY UNWISE TO MAKE A SPECIAL POINT OF INFORMING THE SOVIETS AT THIS POINT CONCERNING THE BKC/ L ON FRG REPRESENTATION OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN IN THE UNITED NATIONS. SUCH CONSUL-TATIONS WOULD AFFORD THE SOVIETS AN OPENING TO INJECT THEMSELVES INTO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE AGREED BONN GROUP SCENARIO ON UN ENTRY WHICH REMAIN TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, INCLUDING THE DRAFT LEGISLATION NOW BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG.
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2. STATE SECRETARY FRANK, IN HIS RECENT COMMENTS TO EMBASSY BONN (REFTEL A) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE BKC/ L MIGHT SOON BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THIS IS PROBABLY TRUE. THE QUESTION ARISES, HOWEVER, WHETHER SUCH PUBLICITY NEED EMBARRASS THE FRG. IF THE SOVIETS TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF THE WESTERN SECTORS, IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE OF THE BKC/ L WHICH CONSTITUTES CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE STATUS OF BERLIN IS IN NO WAY ALTERED BY THE EXTENSION OF THE FRG LEGISLATION ON UN MEMBERSHIP TO BERLIN. THE VALIDITY OF THIS POINT WOULD SEEM BORNE OUT

BY THE SOVIETS' FAILURE TO MENTION TRIPARTITE BERLIN ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRG' S REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN IN THEIR MOST RECENT NOTE TO THE THREE POWERS (MOSCOW 4011).

3. THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL INCLINED TO THINK AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND SUGGESTED THE BEST COMPROMISE TO STATE SECRETARY FRANK ON MARCH 23 (BONN 4345), NAMELY TO MENTION THE ALLIED BKC/ L TO THE SOVIETS AT THE TIME WHEN TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ARE HELD WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE PROCEDURES WHICH THE FOUR POWERS WILL FOLLOW IN SUPPORTING FRG AND GDR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. WE SEE MERIT IN THE SUGGESTION THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK ON A ROUTINE BASIS, AND AGREE IF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WISH TO PROCEED IN THIS MANNER. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD AVOID SUGGESTING TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE WESTERN SIDE WAS REOPENING THE TEXT OR SUBSTANCE AGREED IN BERLIN.

4. THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH BONN THAT WHILE USBER' S PROPOSAL (REFTEL D) TO ATTACH A COPY OF THE BKC/ L TO THE SCHEEL LETTER TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL HAS MERIT AND WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE WESTERN POSITION, IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL AND IS NOT LIKELY TO APPEAL TO THE FRG. THE IDEA SHOULD THEREFORE BE OUTLINED INFORMALLY TO THE FRG AT THE NEXT BONN GROUP DISCUSSION, BUT SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED. ROGERS

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